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SUMMARY STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MATTERS OF WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS SEIZED AND ON THE STAGE REACHED IN THEIR CONSIDERATION

Addendum

Pursuant to rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the Secretary-General is submitting the following summary statement.

The list of items of which the Security Council is seized is contained in documents S/20370 of 11 January 1989, S/20370/Add.16 of 2 May 1989, S/20370/Add.23 of 21 June 1989, S/20370/Add.29 of 3 August 1989, S/20370/Add.30 of 10 August 1989 and S/20370/Add.47 of 14 December 1989.

During the week ending 9 December 1989, the Security Council took action on the following item:

Letter dated 27 November 1989 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 28 November 1989 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (see S/20370/Add.47)

The Security Council resumed its consideration of the item at its 2897th meeting, held on 8 December 1989, in accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations.

The President stated that, following consultations among members of the Council, he had been authorized to make the following statement (S/21011) on behalf of the Security Council:

"The members of the Security Council, after hearing statements by the representatives of El Salvador and Nicaragua at the 2896th meeting of the Security Council, on 30 November 1989, express their grave concern over the present situation in Central America, in particular over the numerous acts of violence resulting in loss of lives and sufferings of the civilian population.

"The members of the Council reiterate their firm support for the Esquipulas process of peaceful settlement in Central America and appeal to all States to contribute to the urgent implementation of the agreements reached by the five Central American Presidents. In this regard the members of the Council welcome the announcement by the five Central American Presidents to meet on 10 and 11 December at San José, Costa Rica, in order to discuss, within the framework of the Esquipulas peace process, solutions to the problems confronting them.

"The members of the Council consider that it is primarily the responsibility of the five Central American Presidents to find solutions to the regional problems, in accordance with the Esquipulas Agreements. Therefore, they reiterate their appeal to all States, including those with links to the region and interests in it, to refrain from all actions that could impede the achievement of a real and lasting settlement in Central America through negotiations.

"The members of the Security Council urge all parties concerned to co-operate in the search for peace and a political solution.

"They also express their firm support for the efforts being made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States in the peace process. In particular, they reiterate their full support for the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the exercise of the missions entrusted to him by the General Assembly and the Security Council, as well as for the early deployment of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America."

